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## ONE MONTH TO APPLY FOR FEMA DISASTER ASSISTANCE

*Federal Flood Assistance Tops \$170 Million*

**DOWNERS GROVE, Ill.** — With only one month remaining until the Oct. 18 deadline to apply for disaster assistance, more than **\$170 million** has been approved in disaster assistance grants for Illinois residents recovering from the severe storms and flooding of July 19 - Aug. 7.

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is working hand-in-hand with the Illinois Emergency Management Agency (IEMA) to provide disaster recovery assistance to homeowners, renters, and business owners in the seven counties designated for individual disaster assistance — Carroll, Cook, DuPage, Jo Daviess, Ogle, Stephenson, and Winnebago.

The following summarizes the ongoing individual assistance disaster operation as of close of business Sept. 16:

- **86,303** Illinois residents have applied for assistance. Nearly **10 percent** of those applications were made online;
- **\$170,277,847** in disaster assistance grants have been approved for temporary housing, home repairs and replacement of essential household items not covered by insurance;
- **\$9,316,800** has been approved in low-interest disaster loans by the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA);
- **59,366** SBA applications have been distributed and **3,190** have been returned to SBA. Completing the SBA application is an essential part of the process of applying for FEMA disaster grants;
- **74,723** damage inspections have been completed with **323** inspectors in the field;
- **41** FEMA Community Relations specialists are canvassing impacted communities, providing information on disaster programs, making referrals, and encouraging people to apply to FEMA even if they have provided damage information to other agencies and organizations;
- **6,782** individuals have visited the five Disaster Recovery Centers (DRCs) to date.

Five DRCs are now open Monday through Saturday from 9 a.m. – 7 p.m.

Services at the centers include help with applying for disaster assistance and finding out about other disaster programs available from the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA), state and local agencies, and voluntary organizations. **Residents must apply with FEMA** even if they already provided damage information to local officials, other agencies or organizations.

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### **DRC locations are:**

**Chicago State University, Emil and Patricia Jones Convocation Center  
9501 S. Dr. Martin Luther King Drive, (Campus car access at south Dr. Martin Luther King Drive and East 99<sup>th</sup> Place), Chicago, IL 60628**

**Austin Area of Chicago,  
(Former Old Navy building), Washington Square,  
4905 W. North Ave., Chicago, IL 60639**

**Cicero Public Safety Building, 5410 W. 34<sup>th</sup> St., Cicero, IL 60804**

**St. Joseph High School, 1840 Mayfair Ave., (West entrance via Oxford Street)  
Westchester, IL 60154**

**Stephenson County Highway Administration Building, 295 W. Lamm Road  
(near County Road 12/South Walnut Avenue), Freeport, IL 61032**

Individuals are encouraged to apply for federal assistance by completing an application online anytime at **[www.disasterassistance.gov](http://www.disasterassistance.gov)** or by calling toll-free **1 800-621-FEMA (3362)**, or **TTY 1 800-462-7585**. FEMA operators are available from **7 a.m. - 10 p.m.**, daily until further notice. Help is available in other languages.

SBA disaster low-interest loan information may be obtained by calling the SBA's Customer Service Center at **1 800-659-2955** or **TTY 1 800-877-8339** Monday through Friday from **8 a.m. to 6 p.m.** EDT or by e-mailing **[disastercustomerservice@sba.gov](mailto:disastercustomerservice@sba.gov)**. Apply online at SBA's secure website at **<https://disasterloan.sba.gov/ela/>**. For more information about the SBA disaster loan program, visit the SBA website at **[www.sba.gov](http://www.sba.gov)**.

On Sept. 13, the major disaster declaration for Illinois was amended designating Public Assistance for Adams, Carroll, Jo Daviess, Ogle, Pike, Schuyler and Stephenson counties. As amended, the declaration covers disaster-related infrastructure costs caused by the severe storms and flooding that occurred from July 19 to Aug. 7. It provides federal reimbursement to state and local governments and certain private nonprofit organizations.

Under the PA cost-share program, FEMA funds 75 percent of the approved cost. Eligible work includes debris removal, emergency protective measures and the repair or replacement of damaged public facilities such as roads, bridges, buildings, utilities and recreation areas. The state administers the grants for all projects.

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